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SUBJECT: CANADIAN INITIATIVE RE UNESCO MEETING FOR
PREPARATION OF DRAFT PROTOCOL TO THE (FLORENCE)
AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATERIALS; MARCH 22-31,
PARIS

1. CANADIAN DEPUTY PERMREP AT UNESCO HAS ASKED DELOFF
FOR USG REACTION TO CANADIAN INTEREST IN SEEKING
AMENDMENT OF PROPOSED DRAFT PROTOCOL TO FLORENCE
AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR RESERVATION AVAILABLE TO
ALL SIGNATORY STATES SIMILAR TO THE RESERVATION IN
CURRENT ANNEX PROTOCOL PERMITTING SUSPENSION OF FLORENCE
AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS ONLY WITHIN CONTEXT OF BILATERAL
DEALINGS OF US AND ANOTHER CONTRACTING STATE.

2. CANADIANS ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE THAT US COMMENTS ON
NEW DRAFT PROTOCOL, SUBMITTED IN LETTER DATED DECEMBER
23, 1975 TO SECRETARIAT, INCLUDED RECOMMENDATION FOR AN
AMENDMENT TO MAKE RESERVATION PROTOCOL APPLICABLE TO
THE NEW INSTRUMENT.

3. WHILE GOC'S SPECIFIC MOTIVATION IN TERMS OF GIVEN
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PRODUCTS OR INDUSTRIES WAS NOT CITED, CANADIAN DEPUTY

PERMREP SAID THAT THEY UNDERTAKING SOUNDINGS AMONG OTHER MEMBER STATES TO DETERMINE RECEPTIVITY TO SUCH AN AMENDMENT TO THE NEW DRAFT PROTOCOL. CANADIANS HAVE CONTACTED PERMDELS OF THE COMMON MARKET NINE AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, BUT NONE HAS SO FAR REPLIED WITH OFFICIAL REACTIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. CANADIANS ASSUME THERE WOULD LIKELY BE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN AMENDMENT AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE USG REACTION FOR REPLY TO CANADIAN PERMDEL HERE.

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